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EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER 2-71

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Executive Reorganization Order Implementing the Department of
State Lands Pursuant to the Executive Reorganization Act of
1971.

Under the Executive Reorganization Act of 1971 (Laws of,
Montana, 1971, Chapter 272), the Governor is authorized to sign
executive orders implementing the various chapters of the Act.

THEREFORE, I, FORREST H. ANDERSON, Governor of the State
of Montana, pursuant to the authority invested in me, order that:

1. Chapter 11 (Sections 82A-1101 through 82A-1104) of
the Executive Reorganization Act of 1971 providing for the creation
of the Department of State Lands shall be effective August 1, 1971.

2. From and after August 1, 1971, the Department and its
functions shall be organized, supervised, administered, and exe-
cuted pursuant to the Executive Reorganization Act of 1971, the
Constitution, other statutes of the state, and the reorganization
plan (dated July 21, 1971) prepared and submitted by the State
Board of Land Commissioners.

3. The Department's organization charts and descriptions
of major programs are appended to this order.

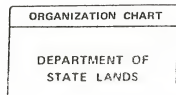
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Twenty-sixth day of July, in the
year of our LORD, One Thousand
Nine Hundred and Seventy-one.

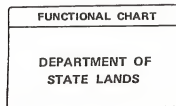
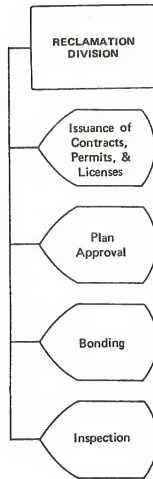
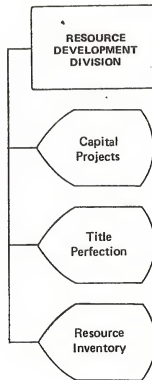
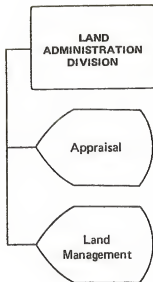
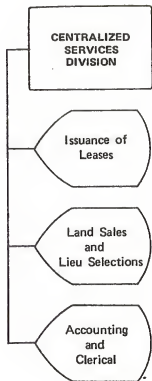
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FORREST H. ANDERSON, Governor

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MAJOR PROGRAMS

Central Services

Description:

This program will be charged with the responsibility for the administrative duties of the Department. All of the clerical and accounting procedures relating to the sale, lease, or other disposition of interests in state lands will be included in this program. The program will handle the clerical functions relating to:

1. Surface leasing;
2. Mineral leasing;
3. Accounting;
4. Land sales;
5. Lieu selections;
6. Easements and right-of-way deeds.

Authority:

Authority for the program is found throughout Title 81, R.C.M. 1947.

Division Responsible:

The program will be the responsibility of the Central Services Division of the Department of State Lands.

Land Administration

Description:

This program will be charged with the responsibility for the appraisal and supervision of all state lands, except those classified as timber. Its objective will be to determine by field inspection the characteristics and best use of state lands to insure that returns are maximized to the trust. The principal duties of the program will be:

1. Supervising the appraisal of all renewal tracts of land;
2. Supervising crop checks;
3. Approving all improvements and conservation work that the lessees of state land carry out themselves;
4. Reviewing or appraising all rights-of-way easements and land sales;
5. Appraising land for exchanges with the federal government.

Authority:

Statutory authority is generally found throughout Title 81, R.C.M. 1947.

Division Responsible:

The program will be the responsibility of the Land Administration Division of the Department of State Lands.

Resource Development

Description:

This program will have the responsibility of improving and developing state lands to promote increased returns to the trust, and to restore or preserve such lands to optimum potential. The program will involve combined field and office studies of all state land tracts, carrying out specific development projects to improve or preserve revenue from the lands to the trust and increase the value of the lands, and perfecting title to state lands. Other state and federal agencies will be contacted to insure that this program will not duplicate their services.

Authority:

Statutory authority is found in Sections 81-2401 through 81-2408, R.C.M. 1947.

Division Responsible:

The program will be the responsibility of the Resource Development Division of the Department of State Lands.

Reclamation

Description:

This program will have the responsibility of administering reclamation requirements on mined land in Montana (not only on state lands). Under two acts passed by the Legislative Assembly during the 1971 session, certain mining operators are required to enter into contracts with the State Board of Land Commissioners, or secure licenses or permits, which call for acceptable reclamation plans to be approved by the Board. This program will process all applications and administer the two acts.

Authority:

Statutory authority is found in Chapters 224 and 252, Laws of Montana, 1971.

Division Responsible:

The program will be the responsibility of the Reclamation Division of the Department of State Lands.

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